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Our creed concerning the Companions – May Allah be pleased with them - of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's prayers and Peace be upon him.

Firstly

Their Love is obligatory upon us

One of the particularities of the belief of Ahlu A-Sunnah Wal Jamma'ah, the obligation of loving the Companions, honoring, respecting, and following their steps and their lead. Allah Almighty said {And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, «Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful.»} [Al-Hashr 59:10]

{وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالإِيمَانِ وَلا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ }
الحشر: ١٠

Transliteration: Waallatheena jaoo min baAAdihim yaqooloona rabbana ighfir lana waliikhwanina al-latheena sabaqoona bialeemani wala tajAAal fee quloobina ghillan lillatheena amanoo rabbana innaka raoofun raheemun

The Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and Peace be upon him, said: "A sign of faith in a person is the love to Al-Ansar, and a sign of hypocrisy is hating them." [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

«آية الإيمان حب الأنصار، وآية النفاق بغض الأنصار»
البخاري

The Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and Peace be upon him, said concerning Al-Ansar: "Only a believer loves them and hypocrite who hates them, who loves them will be loved by Allah, and who hates them is hated by Allah." [Reported by Muslim]

«لا يحبهم إلا مؤمن ولا يبغضهم إلا منافق، من أحبهم أحبه الله ومن أبغضهم أبغضه الله»
مسلم

The Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and Peace be upon him, said: "A man who believes in Allah and the hereafter never hates Al-Ansar." [Reported by Muslim]

«لا يبغض الأنصار رجل يؤمن بالله واليوم الآخر»
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The Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and peace be upon him, said: "Whoever Loves Al-Ansar, is loved by Allah and whoever Hates Al-Ansar is hated by Allah." [Reported by Ibn-Majah]

«من أحب الأنصار أحبه اللّٰه، ومن أبغض الأنصار أبغضه اللّٰه»
ابن ماجه

Muslim Reported by His authentic transmission that 'Ali May Allah be pleased by him said: "By Allah whom made an embryo emerge from a grain and created the human soul, it's the covenant of the Illiterate Prophet, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, to me that No one loves me except he is a believer and no one hates except he is a hypocrite."

«والذي فلق الحبة وبرأ النسمة إنه لعهد النبي الأمي صلى اللّٰه عليه وسلم إلى أن لا يحبني إلا مؤمن ولا يبغضني إلا منافق»
رواه مسلم

Al-Bukhari and Muslim reported in their authentic books that Amr Ibn Al-'As May Allah be pleased with him asked the Prophet, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, "Whom is most beloved to you O Messenger of Allah?"

He replied: "'Aisha"

Then whom of the Men?

He replied: "Her father".

«عمرو بن العاص رضي اللّٰه عنه سأل النبي صلى اللّٰه عليه وسلم أي الناس أحب إليك يا رسول اللّٰه؟،قال: "عائشة"،قال: فمن الرجال؟، قال: "أبوها"»
رواه البخاري ومسلم

All these previous authentic ahadith Indicate that it is obligatory to love All the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, From the Muhajireen and Al-'Ansar.

Imam Al-Tahawi said indicating what the Muslim must believe, concerning the love of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and peace be upon him: "…and we love the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayer and peace be upon him, we don't exaggerate in this love nor do we disown them but we mention them in the best manner. Their love is religion, faith and Good-doers rank, their hatred is infidelity, hypocrisy and self-oppression." [Sharh Al-'Aqeedah Al-Tahawyah p.467]

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Abdullah Ibn Battah said: “…and we love all the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and peace be upon him, and the extent of their love varies according to their ranks. The following come first to be loved, the people of Badr, Al-Hudaybiah and who pledged allegiance in the pact of Al-Ridwan and the people of ‘Uhud. Those are the people of high and noble ranks preceded with their unprecedented deeds May Allah have mercy on them All.” [Al Ibanah Fee Usul Al-Sunnah wal Dyannah p.271]

Some of the companions were given glad tidings being of the dwellers of Paradise by the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s prayers and Peace be upon him. Al-Tirmidhi Reported that sa’eed Ibn Zaid narrated that the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s prayers and Peace be upon him, said: “There are ten in Paradise: Abu Bakr is in paradise, Omar is in paradise, ‘Uthamn is in paradise, ‘Ali is in paradise, Talha is in paradise, Al-Zubair is in Paradise, Abdul Rahman Ibn ‘Awf is in paradise, Sa’d Ibn ‘Aby Waqas is In paradise, Sa’eed Ibn Zaid is In Paradise and ‘Ubaida Ibn Al-Jarrah is in Paradise.” [Reported by Al-Tirmidhi 3/311 Authenticated by Al-Albani]

«عشرة في الجنة: أبو بكر في الجنة، وعمر في الجنة، وعثمان في الجنة، وعلي في الجنة، وطلحة في الجنة، والزبير في الجنة، وعبد الرحمن بن عوف في الجنة، وسعد بن أبي وقاص في الجنة، وسعيد بن زيد في الجنة، وأبو عبيدة بن الجراح في الجنة»
الترمذي ٣/٣١١ وصححه الألباني

Moreover, these glad tidings was also to many of the companions by the Messenger Of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, but mentioning all of them would take ages!

Al-Bukhari and Muslim reported in their authentic books that ‘Aisha May Allah be pleased with her said the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him said: I seen you in my dream for three nights, an angel brought you in a clothes of silk saying, this is your wife. Then I uncovered the cloth from your face to find it was you, then I said, “If it was from Allah then he will destine it.”

«أريتك في ثلاث ليال، جاء بك الملك في سرقة من حرير فيقول: هذه امرأتك فأكشف عن وجهك فإذا أنت فيه فأقول: إن يك هذا من عند الله يمضه »
رواه البخاري ومسلم

This is enough honor that the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, died while leaning on her chest May Allah be pleased with her and her Father. The creed of Ahlu a-Sunnah Wal-Jama’ah that they testify for this lot to be of the dwellers of Paradise, moreover they testify in favor of all the companions from Al-Muhajireen and Al-Ansar.

Allah Almighty said: {And why do you not spend in the cause of Allah while to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth? Not equal among you are those who spent before the conquest [of Makkah] and fought . But to all Allah has promised the best [reward]. And Allah, with what you do, is Acquainted.} [Al-Hadid 57:10]

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{ وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلا تُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلِلَّهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضِ لا يَسْتَوِي مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَاتَلَ أُولَئِكَ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً مِنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدُ وَقَاتَلُوا وَكُلا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَى وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ}

الحديد: ١٠

Transliteration: Wama lakum alla tunfiqoo fee sabeeli Allahi walillahi meerathu alssamawati waalardi la yastawee minkum man anfaqa min qabli alfathi waqatala olaika aAAthamu darajatan mina allatheena anfaqoo min baAAdu waqataloo wakullan waAAada Allahu alhusna waAllahu bima taAAmaloona khabeerun

Secondly

The Equity of the Companions- May Allah be pleased with them:

All the Companions are just as described by the Messenger of Allah, Allah's prayers and Peace be upon him in many Ahadith.

He, Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, said: "The best of this nation is my generation (companions) then the one following them then the one following. 'Imran Said, I'm not sure, he mentioned two or three generation after his." [Agreed upon]

«خير أمتي قرني ثم الذين يلونهم ثم الذين يلونهم...قال عمران: فلا أدري أذكر بعد قرنه قرنين أو ثلاثة»
البخاري ومسلم

Al-Khateeb al-Baghdady said after stating the evidence from the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, that proves the fairness of the companions and that they are all just: "This is the Madhab (way) of the scholars and the respected among the Jurists.

IbnHajjar Said: "Ahlu a-Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah agreed that all the companions are Just, no one negated this but few deviants of the Innovators. [Al-Issaba 1/17]

Ibn Katheer said: "…and the companions are all just according to the creed of Ahlu a-Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah. Where Allah had praised them in his precious book and as stated in the Prophetic Sunnah for their morals and acts.

[and those who did so after it]. Those are greater in degree than they who spent afterwards and fought For their sacrifice of Money and self between the hands of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, seeking great and unique reward." [Al-Baheth Al-Hatheeth p.181-182]

Thirdly

Insulting them is forbidden

It is prohibited to insult or curse the companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him proved by the Qur'an And Sunnah.

Allah Almighty said :{ And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen and the Ansar and those who followed them with good conduct - Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment.} [Al-Tawbah 9:100]

{ وَالسَّابِقُونَ الأَوَّلُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتَهَا الأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ }

التوبة: ١٠٠

Transliteration: Waalssabiqoona alawwaloona mina almuhajireena waalansari waallatheena ittabaAAoohum biihsanin radiya Allahu AAanhum waradoo AAanhu waaAAadda lahum jannatin tajree tahtaha alanharu khalideena feeha abadan thalika alfawzu alAAatheemu

He Also said: {Indeed, those who abuse Allah and His Messenger - Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment.} [Al-Ahzab 33:57]

{ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا }

الأَحزاب: ٥٧

Transliteration: Inna allatheena yuthoona Allaha warasoolahu laAAanahumu Allahu fee alddunya waalakhirati waaAAadda lahum AAathaban muheenan

The Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and blessing be upon him said: "Do not curse my Companions, By The One who's my soul is in his hands, if any of you spent a fortune that weighs mount 'Uhud it wouldn't suffice quarter of what they have given, even half of it." [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

«لا تسبوا أصحابي، فوالذي نفسي بيده لو أن أحدكم أنفق مثل أحد ذهباً ما أدرك مد أحدهم ولا نصيفه»

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He, Allah's prayers and Peace be upon him, said: "Who curses my companions is cursed by Allah, the Angels and all mankind." [Reported by Muhammad Jar Allah As-Sa'dy as Hasan (good)]

«من سب أصحابي فعليه لعنة الله والملائكة والناس أجمعين»
حسنه محمد جار الله الصعدي

Imam Al-Nawawi said: "…and know that cursing the companions, May Allah be pleased with them, is forbidden, constituting the highest levels of prohibition. The matter is even, whether some had participated in the affliction or not, both followed an opinion they believed were right." [Sharh Al-Nawawi 'Ala Sahih Muslim]

Narrated by 'Aisha May Allah be pleased with her that the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, said: "Don't curse my companions, Allah curses who does so." [Mujma' Alzawa'id Lil-Haythamy]

«لا تسبوا أصحابي، لعن الله من سب أصحابي»
مجمع الزوائد للهيثمي

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حسنه محمد جار الله الصعدي

He, Allah's prayers and Peace be upon him, said: "Be Kind to my Companions then to whom follows them then who follows." [Transmission 1/26, Reported by Al-Albani in Silsilat Al-Ahadeeth Al- Sahiha]

«أحسنوا إلى أصحابي ثم الذين يلونهم ثم الذين يلونهم»
السند ٢٦/١ ورواه الشيخ الألباني في سلسلة الأحاديث الصحيحة

Fourthly

Quotes of our Righteous Forefathers on prohibition of cursing the companions

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It was mentioned to ‘Aisha, May Allah be pleased with her that some people talk in Ill manner about the companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, then she asked, then what do you recollect from All this? Their acts have been cut by their death, so Allah loved to them that their good deeds wouldn’t be cut along with their acts. [Jami’ Al-‘Usoo]

Malik Ibn ‘Anas said: “The ones that curse the Companions of the Messenger Of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, have no share or he said no claim in Islam. [Al-‘Ibbanah by Ibn Battah p.162]

Abdul Rahman Ibn ‘Amr Al-Awza’I, said: “Who curses Abu Bakr Al Sidiq has left the folds of Islam and his blood (life) is disposed of.” P.162

Abu Bakr Al-Marouzi said: I inquired Abu Abdullah about the status of who curses Abu Bakr, Omar, ‘Uthman and ‘Aisha, May Allah be pleased with them, He replied, “I don’t recognize him as a Muslim.”

Is’haaq Ibn Rhaway said: “Whoever curses the companions of the Prophet, Allah’s Prayers and peace be upon him, must be punished and imprisoned.”

Ibn Taymyiah May Allah have mercy on him said: “The doctrine of Ahlu a-Sunnah Wal-Jama’ah is based on taking a silent stance upon what happened between the companions as their Kind Acts are well known and their love and allegiance is a must. O Allah be pleased with whom asked you to be pleased of them (companions), and demolish whom have cursed them and took them as enmity, O Allah let the Muslims and Islam be victorious.”

He Also said: “whoever finds it permissible to curse the companions, May Allah be pleased with them, then he is declared as an infidel.”

These are the Kind companions who abandoned this world and what it carries, immigrating with the Messenger Of Allah, Allah’s Prayers and peace be upon him, leaving behind their property, children and wives. They supported the Messenger of Allah while all the Arab peninsula gathered opposing them with one arrow. They are the ones who fought in the way of Allah truthfully and opened eastern and western provinces spreading La Illaha Ila Allah Mohamdun Rasulullah (there is no God except Allah and Mohammad is his Messenger) from south of France in the land of the Gaul’s to the west, the Chinese boarders in the east.

Allah almighty said: { And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madinah and [adopted] the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful.} [Al-Hashr :9]

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{لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلا مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا وَيَنْصُرُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ}
الحشر: ٩

Transliteration: Waallatheena tabawwaoo alddara waaleemana min qablihim yuhibboona man hajara ilayhim wala yajidoona fee sudoorihim hajatan mimma ootoo wayuthiroona AAala anfusihim walaw kana bihim khasasatun waman yooqa shuhha nafsihi faolaika humu almuflihoona

They are the people of piety

The pure and fair ones

Our leaders and role models

Our masters in this world and hereafter

The companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and Peace be upon him in this world and hereafter

At the end

Will these stained tongues with cursing, insulting and degrading the companions and wives of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and peace be upon him, shut up and take it as their religion that will gain them proximity to Allah.

{ Say, [O Muhammad], «Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? (103) [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.»}
[Al-Kahf 18:103-104]

{قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالا الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا}
الكهف: ١٠٣-١٠٤

Transliteration: Qul hal nunabbiokum bialakhsareena aAAmalan (103) Allatheena dalla saAAyuhum fee alhayati alddunya wahum yahsaboona annahum yuhsinoona sunAAan

When do the sell-out pens dry out, climbing the stairs of fame on the shoulders of their own principles, creed and teachings from the preachers of secularism and liberalism who sold their religion for a fading fame.

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Do governments stand against anyone who degrades the ranks of the kind companions or spread chaos?

Do scholars and preachers carryout their duties towards the companions of the Messenger of Allah, Allah's Prayers and peace be upon him?

We Hope so!

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